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In re Application of: Hillman et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 18 December 2000, the period of time for response having been set at 3 months, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~26~~ Please cancel claims ~~26~~ and ~~31-40~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 21 and 22 with the amended versions of the claims, below. In addition, please add new claims 43-45. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

For the Examiner's convenience, the other pending claims, 3, 6-7, 9-12, 19-20, 23-25, 27-30, and 41-42, are reiterated below: